GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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MAINTENANCE OF MONUMENTS OF HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government has received proposals/ requests from other countries for maintenance of objects/ monuments of historical importance in the country;

(b)if so, the details thereof;

(c)whether talks have been held with some countries in this regard; and

(d)if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE(SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a)Yes, Sir.

(b)Proposals have been received from the countries of Japan, Italy and Belgium and World Monument Fund for conservation of some monuments and historical objects.

(c)Yes, Sir.

(d)

Japan is providing financial assistance through UNESCO for conservation of Buddhist sites at Sanchi and Satdhara in Madhya Pradesh.
Japan Bank of International co-operation has given soft loan for conservation and tourism development projects at Ajanta − Ellora Piltalkhora − Aurangabad caves, Daultabad Fort and Bibi − ka − Maqbara in Maharashtra.
A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with the Government of Italy for conservation of paintings of Ajanta & Ellora.
Janssen Pharmaceutica NV Berse, a private sector company, of Belgium has signed an MOU with ASI for conservation of paintings of Tipu Sultan's Palace at Srirangapatana and Chemical conservation of stone work of monuments at Hampi.
World Monument Fund is conducting Restoration of Jaisalmer Fort, Rajasthan along with ASI.